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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR PGOV ETEL WB GW FR UR UK US GE
SUBJECT: BERLIN TELEVISION AND RADIO FREQUENCIES

REFS: (A) USBER 720 NOTAL; (B) BONN 2929;
(C) STATE 27955; (D) BONN 17981 (76);
(E) USBER 2266 (76); (F) BONN 17714 (76)

BEGIN SUMMARY. BONN GROUP HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF
LETTERS FROM GDR PTT TO BERLIN PTT (LPD) STATING THAT
GDR CANNOT AGREE TO PROPOSALS REGARDING US, UK AND
FRENCH TRANSMITTERS IN WEST BERLIN. GDR RESPONSE
ABSOLUTELY REJECTS UK PROPOSALS WHILE LEAVING OPEN THE
POSSIBILITY OF COORDINATION WITH US AND FRENCH. SINCE
THE MATTER INVOLVES BOTH THE ISSUE OF FRG COMPETENCE TO
REPRESENT WEST BERLIN IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS
MATTERS AS WELL AS THE PROBLEM OF FREQUENCY COORDINA-
TION, BONN GROUP IS AWAITING TECHNICAL REPORT BY FRG
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POSTAL MINISTRY (BPM) ON NEED FOR FREQUENCY
COORDINATION. END SUMMARY.

1. AS ANTICIPATED IN REF (A), ON MARCH 15 FRG BONN
GROUP REP PRESENTED COPIES OF FOUR LETTERS DATED
FEBRUARY 23, 1977 FROM GDR POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
MINISTRY (PTT) TO WEST BERLIN POSTAL AUTHORITIES

(LPD) REGARDING ALLIED MILITARY TV AND RADIO FREQUENCIES
IN WEST BERLIN. LETTER ON US TV STATION (CHANNEL 9)
CONFORMS TO TEXT IN REF (A).

2. LETTER REGARDING FRENCH CHANNEL 31 STATES THAT, WITH
RESPECT TO THE PROPOSAL FOR COORDINATION MADE BY GDR PTT
FOR ITS TELEVISION TRANSMITTER EBERSWALDE ON CHANNEL
31, PTT HAD INFORMED FRENCH COMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRA-
TION THAT, BECAUSE OF THE FREQUENCY OFFSET SELECTED
BY THE GDR, IT COULD NOT ALLOW ANY IMPERMISSIBLE INTER-
FERENCE BY THE PLANNED FRENCH TRANSMITTER ON THE SAME
CHANNEL. GDR LETTER ALSO STATES THAT THE FIXING OF THE
OFFSET FOR THE EBERSWALDER TRANSMITTER WAS DETERMINED
WITH THE PLANNED POLISH TRANSMITTER "PILA" IN MIND AND
THAT OTHER OFFSET POSITIONS WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE
TRANSMITTERS "DEQUEDE" AND "PILA." ANY
CONSIDERATION OF AN ALTERNATIVE FREQUENCY OFFSET,
ACCORDING TO THE GDR LETTER, MUST AWAIT THE COMMENCEMENT
OF TRANSMISSION BY "PILA."

3. THE TWO LETTERS REGARDING THE BRITISH TRANSMITTERS
(TELEVISION CHANNEL 47 AND RADIO TRANSMITTER AT
98.75 MHZ) SIMPLY STATE THAT, AS THE GDR HAS INFORMED
THE UK PTT, THE GDR CANNOT AGREE TO THE PROPOSED
FREQUENCIES. (COMMENT: BONN GROUP REPRESENTATIVES
ASSUME THAT GDR OBJECTION IS FOR TECHNICAL REASONS BUT
HAVE NO FURTHER INFORMATION.)

4. IN A DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN
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ANSWERING THE LETTER, FRG REP (VON ARNIM) POINTED OUT

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THAT THE PROBLEM MAY BE A LEGAL ONE, I.E., THE GDR MAY BE SEEKING TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A CLAIM THAT ITS NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO USE CHANNELS 9 AND 31 (REFS D AND E) WAS FIRST IN TIME AND THEREFORE HAD PRIORITY. ESSENTIAL TO THIS CONTENTION WOULD BE THAT NOTIFICATION BY BPM OF THE USE OR INTENDED USE OF CHANNELS 9 AND 31 WAS INVALID BECAUSE IT WAS MADE BY AN AUTHORITY WHICH HAD NO LEGAL COMPETENCE IN WEST BERLIN MATTERS.

5. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) URGED THAT ALL PARTIES DEVELOP A UNIFIED APPROACH BEFORE PREPARING RESPONSES TO THE GDR LETTERS SINCE THE GDR HAS REJECTED UK NOTIFICATION BUT HAS LEFT ROOM FOR NEGOTIATION ON THE OTHERS. HE SAID THAT IF TECHNICAL COORDINATION OF THE FREQUENCIES OF THE FOUR ALLIED STATIONS THE GDR IS IMPORTANT, WE MAY HAVE TO COMPROMISE OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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POSITION THAT THE BPM IS COMPETENT TO DEAL WITH BERLIN MATTERS. IT WILL PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE GDR AGREEMENT TO OUR HAVING THE BPM REPRESENT US. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE BPM MIGHT REPLY TO THE FEBRUARY 23 LETTERS ON BEHALF OF ALL PARTIES IN ORDER TO SEE WHAT TYPE OF RESPONSE IT ELICITS FROM THE GDR.

6. US REP AGREED THAT BPM MIGHT REPLY, OFFERING TO COORDINATE WITH THE GDR, AND THAT THE GDR'S RESPONSE MIGHT REVEAL WHETHER THEY ARE SINCERELY CONCERNED ABOUT TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OR ARE ATTEMPTING TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE THREE ALLIED POWERS.

7. THE PARTIES AGREED TO DEFER ACTION WHILE AWAITING A RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR ADVICE FROM THE BPM AS TO

THE NECESSITY FOR TECHNICAL COORDINATION IN ORDER TO
AVOID INTERFERENCE WITH ALLIED STATIONS FROM THE
EBERSWALDE TRANSMISSIONS.

8. ON A RELATED SUBJECT, THE UK REP (CARTER) SAID
THAT HE IS STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON ON
THE DRAFT REPLY TO THE POLES THE FRG HAS PREPARED IN
RESPONSE TO POLISH OBJECTION TO NOTIFICATION ON
CHANNEL 47.
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